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Education

2001: Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Austin, TX.

Dissertation

Hamburg's Gay Scene in the Era of Family Politics, 1945-1969.

Committee: David Crew (chair), Peter Jelavich, Standish Meacham, Judy Coffin, Kit Belgum

Major Oral Exam

Modern European History 1750-1960 (January 1998)

Minor Oral Exam

US History 1860-1945 (October 1995)

Languages

German

French (reading knowledge only)

1996: M.A., History, University of Texas at Austin, TX.

Thesis

Masculinity and Desire in the Works of J. R. Ackerley.

Co-Advisors: David Crew, Standish Meacham

1993: B. A., History, Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Positions

2001-present: Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
(Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor in 2006)

2001: Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin during the summer session.

2000-01: Assistant Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin.

1995-98;
1999-2000: Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin.

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Teaching Fields

Main Teaching Experience:

- Twentieth-Century Europe
- Modern Germany
- Soviet Union
- Imperial Russia from Peter the Great to the Revolution
- Survey of the Modern Middle East
- Twentieth-Century European Intellectual History
- Western Civilization, Renaissance to the Present
- Utopian & Dystopian Literature

January Interim Topics:

- The Interaction between Avant-Garde and Popular Music
- The Films of Jim Jarmusch and the Coen Brothers
- Alienation in Film, Literature, Music, and Philosophy
- Saber Fencing and the Role of the Sword in Society and Culture
- The History of Law
- Understanding and Playing Chess

Limited Experience as a Teaching Assistant

- Survey of the United States, 1492 – 1865
- Survey of the United States, 1865 – Present
- Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century

University and Department Professional Service

- 2008: History Department Search Committee
- 2006-2009: Novel Experience Committee (Chair: 2006-2009)
- 2006-present: Faculty Representative to Wofford's Board Committee on Enrollment.
- 2005-present: Faculty Marshal
- 2005-2006: Orientation Committee
- 2004-2005: Task Force and Summer Discussion Group on General Education
- 2003-present: Humanities Committee
- 2003: Organizational Committee for Wofford's Conference on Postmodernism
- 2003: Ad-Hoc Cultures & Peoples Committee
- 2002: Interim member of the Humanities Committee
- 2002-2005: Athletics Committee (Chair: 2004-5)
- 2002: Ad-Hoc committee to write a maternity leave policy for Wofford.
- 2001-present: Interviewer for Annual Scholar's Day at Wofford.
- 1997-98: Graduate Program Committee Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin.
- 1995-97: European Area Committee Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin.

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Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
German Studies Association

Other Work Experience and Service

1993-94: Technical Writer, NEON Systems, Inc., Houston, TX.
1992-93: Will Rice Fellow, Rice University, Houston, TX.
1992-93: Head Grader, Physics Department, Rice University, Houston, TX.
1990-92: Exam Grader, Physics Department, Rice University, Houston, TX.

Fellowships and Grants

2008: Summer Research Grant from Wofford College.
2002: Summer Research Grant from Wofford College.
1999: Full-Year *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (DAAD) Fellowship to research in Hamburg.
1998: Sheffield Scholarship from the University of Texas's Department of History.
1998: David Bruton, Jr. University Scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin.
1997: *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (DAAD) Scholarship to attend the "*Deutschlandkundischer Sommerkurs*" at the University of Regensburg.
1990-91: Roy Scholarship for Academic Performance, Rice University.

Current Projects

Book-length manuscript: "Between Persecution and Freedom: Homosexuality, Masculinity, and Family Politics in West Germany, 1949-1969" (under review).

Editorial Activities

2008: Special Guest Co-Editor, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17, no. 1
2008: Ad-Hoc Editorial Assistant, Edwin Mellon Press.
2007: Ad-Hoc Editorial Assistant, *Central European History*.
2003: Ad-Hoc Editorial Assistant, *Sexuality & Culture*.

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Publications

“Zwischen Verfolgung und Freiheit: Homosexuelle Männer in Hamburg in den langen fünfziger Jahren,” *Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg* 1 (March 2008), 57-73.

Author of Introduction “Gay History in Germany: Future Directions” as well as Guest Editor (along with Daniel Walther) for Special Issue on “Masculinity and Homosexuality in Germany and the German Colonies, 1880-1945,” *The Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17, 1 (January 2008).

“Styles of Masculinity in the West German Gay Scene, 1950-1965,” *Central European History* 39, 3 (September 2006): 359-393.

“Masculinity and Desire in the Works of J. R. Ackerley,” *Journal of Homosexuality* 43 (2002): 127-142.

Book Reviews & Reports

“Review of Sarah Colvin and Peter Davies, ed., *Masculinities in German Culture*, vol. 2 of the Edinburgh German Yearbook,” H-German, H-Net Review (June 2009).
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=24785>

“Review of Bettina Joergens, *Männlichkeiten: Deutsche Jungenschaft, CVJM und Naturfreundejugend in Minden, 1945-1955*,” H-Childhood, H-Net Review, January 2009.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=22906>

“Conference Report on Session 193 (‘Spectacular Subcultures in Twentieth-Century Hamburg’) of the GSA 32nd Annual Conference, St. Paul MN, October 2-5, 2008,” H-German, H-Net Review, December 2008.
URL: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-german&month=0812&week=a&msg=6agMbSXj%2bUvkcpH7AQRq%2bQ&user=&pw>

“Review of Michael A. Lombardi, ed., *Sodomites and Urnings: Homosexual Representations in Classic German Journals*,” H-German, H-Net Review, February 2008.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=14216>

“Review of Matti Bunzl’s *Symptoms of Modernity: Jews and Queers in Late-Twentieth-Century Vienna*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, August 2006.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=268291164654598>

“Review of Susanne zur Nieden, ed., *Homosexualität und Staatsräson: Männlichkeit, Homophobie und Politik in Deutschland 1900-1945*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, April 2006.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=278901159040718>

“Review of William Naphy, *A History of Homosexuality*,” *Sixteenth-Century Journal* 37 (Spring 2006): 275-6.

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“Review of Jens Rydström, *Sinners and Citizens: Bestiality and Homosexuality in Sweden, 1880-1950*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, September 2005.

URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=130161129205756>

“Review of Christoph Schlatter, ‘*Merkwuerdigerweise bekam ich Neigung zu Burschen*’: *Selbstbilder und Fremdbilder homosexueller Maenner in Schaffhausen 1867 bis 1970*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, March 2004.

URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=272241079840130>

“Review of Derek Lewis, *Contemporary Germany: A Handbook*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, April 2003.

URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=196981053762726>.

Papers and Invited Lectures

“The East German Revolution,” Forum on the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 3 November 2009.

“*Ein schwuler Stadtblick: A Brief Glance at Hamburg’s Gay Scene during the 1950s*,” Panel on “Landscapes/Cityscapes” at the 2nd Southeast German Studies Workshop, Columbia, SC, 5 March 2009.

Commentator for Session on “Spectacular Subcultures in Hamburg, 1890-1960,” German Studies Association 32nd Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, 3 October 2008.

“Between Persecution and Freedom: Hamburg’s Gay Scene in the early *Bundesrepublik*,” at the Conference “Reading Hamburg: Anglo-American Perspectives – Hamburg verstehen: Angloamerikanische Perspektiven,” at the Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg, 6-8 September 2007.

Commentator for Session on “Gay Germany,” 48th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, 4 March 2005.

“From Homer to Homer Simpson: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Postmodernism” (with Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Jim Neighbors, Professor David Rodrick, and Professor Steve Zides), Association for Integrative Studies Annual Conference, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC, 16 October 2004.

Panel Discussion on “The Film ‘The Battle of Algiers’” (with Dr. William DeMars, Dr. Jacques Lezra, and students Karen Kaczorowski and Amelia Snider), Conference on “Coming of Age with 9/11,” Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 5 October 2004.

“The Struggle over the Homosexual Counterpublic in the Young West-German Democracy, 1950-1957,” Invited Talk at Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 30 September 2004.

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“State Efforts at Controlling Homosexual Desire in the West German Consumer Economy, 1945-1965,” Faculty Talk Series, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 18 March 2004.

“Postmodernism(s) Across the Disciplines” (with Dr. William DeMars, Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Charles Kay, Dr. Byron McCane, and Professor Steve Zides), Wofford’s Conference on Postmodernism: *The Simpsons, Hip Hop, and Beyond*, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 9 March 2004.

“From Homer to Homer Simpson: An Introduction to Postmodernism” (with Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Jim Neighbors, Professor David Rodrick, and Professor Steve Zides), Wofford’s Conference on Postmodernism: *The Simpsons, Hip Hop, and Beyond*, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 1 March 2004.

“Masculinity in History: The Example of the West German Gay Scene in the 1950s,” First Annual Gender Conference, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 13-14 March 2002.

“Styles of Masculinity in the West German Gay Scene during the 1950s,” Session on “Male Identities in East and West Postwar Germany,” Young Scholars Forum: *Gender, Power, Religion: Forces in Cultural History*, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., 31 March 2001.

“Masculinity and Homosexuality in the Early Federal Republic,” Panel on “Marginalized Masculinities: Jewish and Homosexual Constructions of Manhood in Twentieth-Century German Culture,” German Studies Association 24th Annual Conference, Houston, TX, 6 October 2000.

“The Early Gay Rights Movement in Germany: A Celebration of 100 Years,” Invited Talk to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 8 October 1997.

“Old Shatterhand, A Hero for the Young: Outlining the Relationship between Karl May’s *Winnetou* and the German *Wandervogel*,” Session on “Growing Up in Modern Europe,” University of Texas Eighth Biennial Texas Historical Symposium, Austin, TX, 13 October 1995.

References

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